



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON COUNTY FACILITIES

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement regarding building safety in Milwaukee County:

“In light of the tragedy that took the life of a boy and injured two adults, including one severely, on June 24, 2010, I immediately called for a thorough review to make sure all of Milwaukee County’s buildings are safe. This request was prudent to help ensure that building facades do not pose any further risk to the public.

“The day after the O’Donnell tragedy, I called for an audit of maintenance across all Milwaukee County facilities to determine whether there are any concerns the County Board needs to address. In particular, the audit is focusing on any issues that may impact the health and safety of our citizens and visitors. This audit is currently underway and progressing.

“Five days later, the County Executive and I jointly announced that an independent external engineering firm would conduct a safety inspection of all County buildings. This firm is recognized as a leading national engineering consulting firm and is headquartered in Milwaukee County. These inspections are expected to conclude in August.

“All County Supervisors are members of the County Board Committee of the Whole, which I have called to meet on July 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse to receive a thorough update on these safety inspections. This meeting will include information on the O’Donnell Park investigation, which could be discussed in closed session under state law. In the meantime, I encourage Supervisors to refrain from further comment until after they receive all the pertinent information.”

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